

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein: the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supports~~ing~~ means; and the bed further comprises means for restraining lateral movement of the mattress support in at least one direction.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 2~~1~~ wherein the lateral restraining means is provided by the elastic supports~~ing~~ means.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 3 wherein at least one pair of elastic supports~~ing~~ means extend between the mattress support and the frame in opposite directions from a normal to the plane of the mattress support, to provide the lateral restraint.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein at least some of the elastic supports~~ing~~ means are provided by a single length of elastic cord.
6. A bed as claimed in claim 5 wherein separate elastic cords are provided at opposite ends of the bed.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 1 wherein the elastic supports~~ing~~ means are provided by a plurality of loops of elastic.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein the elastic supports~~ing~~ means are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in any preceding

claim\_1 wherein the mattress support is substantially rigid.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim\_1 comprising at least three elastic ~~supporting~~ means.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim\_1 further comprising means for restraining upward movement of the mattress support.

12. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 11 wherein the upward restraining means are elastic cord.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 11-~~or 12~~, wherein separate means for restraining upward movement are provided at opposite sides of the bed.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 13 wherein the elastic ~~supporting~~ means are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed and the elastic upward restraining means are provided only at the opposite sides of the bed.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim\_1 further comprising means for limiting downward movement of the mattress support.

16. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 15 wherein the downward limiting means is substantially inelastic.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 15-~~or 16~~, wherein the downward limiting means comprises a cord or chain provided on one of the frame and the mattress support, the cord or chain being removably engaged with the other of the frame and the mattress support.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ 15-~~to~~-17, wherein the downward limiting means are provided at each

corner of the mattress support.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 further comprising means for limiting lateral movement of the mattress support.
20. (ORIGINAL) A bed as claimed in claim 19 wherein the means comprise loops of cord or chain provided on the bed frame and on the mattress support at each corner.
21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bed as claimed in claim 19 or 20, wherein the loops of cord are elastic.
22. (Cancelled)
23. (NEW) A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein: the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supports; and the bed further comprises lateral movement restraints.
24. (NEW) A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein: the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supports; and the bed further comprises lateral movement restraints and upward movement restraints.